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EDITOR'S NOTES

Recently, I have been getting feedback from some of our CATUG members that they have had difficulties keeping up with what is happening in the group. Not everybody has the opportunity to attend every meeting, and fewer than fifty percent are modem users. Therefore, we are going to begin requiring dues of all of our members in January 1988. These dues will consist of ten dollars annually. The funds will go into a CATUG treasury from which we will support mail out of he newsletter to all CATUG members, development of our text and software libraries, and the exchanges that we conduct with other group libraries. Paul Beatty has volunteered to act as the CATUG Teasurer. It would be appreciated if you would send your dues to him at 7634 N. Greenview, Chicago, IL 60642.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORNER By Gary Lessenberry

Last month I provided a few enhancements for your Mterm II terminal software. This month's column includes a BASIC program that sould be utilized with last months changes. The program is called Mterm-80. The basic routines include: an auto redial routine (downloaded from Three Rivers BBS), an auto scan routine (downloaded from Your Average Remote BBS), a caps-lock routine, disk loading/saving of telephone directory and macros settings. This program has been tailored for use with the JLD Disk System. However, it can be easily modified for any mass storage system. I encourage you to install the fast-dial routine, the 80 column print driver and other features from last month's column before adding this program to it.

- 1 POKE 23609.10
- 5 GO TO 500
- 10 REM AUTODIAL ROUTINE
- II LET t=1
- 12 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: INK 7
- 13 CLS : PRINT AT 0,12: "AUTODIAL"
- 14 INPUT "PHONE NUMBER?":a\$
- 15 OUT 119.31
- 18 PAUSE 50
- 19 PRINT AT 6,5; FLASH 1; "DIALING"; FLASH 9; " ";a\$;" Tr
 - 21 PRINT AT 13,10: "USER OPTIONS"
 - 22 PRINT AT 15.0; "Redial This Number: Press ENTER"
 - 23 PRINT AT 17,9; "Enter New Number: Fress BREAK"
 - 24 PRINT AT 19,0; "Escape To MENU: Press 0"
 - 25 FOR i=1 TO LEN as
 - 30 LET a=VAL a\$(1)
 - 32 IF a=0 THEN LET a=10
 - 35 FAUSE 32
 - 10 GO SUB 60

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORNER (continued from page 1) 50 NEXT i 55 60 TO 150 60 FOR d=1 TD a 70 FOR e=3 TO 4 80 DUT 119.e 90 PAUSE 0.5 100 NEXT e 110 OUT 119.1 120 DUT 119.2 130 NEXT d 140 RETURN 160 FOR i=1 TO 400 165 IF IN 119=133 THEN CLS : PRINT FLASH 1; "C O N N E C T E D ! !": 60 TO 200 166 IF INKEYS=CHR\$ 13 THEN GO TO 308 167 IF INKEY\$=CHR\$ 32 THEN GD TO 318 168 IF INKEY\$=CHR\$ 48 THEN GO TO 328 179 NEXT i 173 DUT 119.0 175 PAUSE 100 180 BEEP .05,18; LET t=t+1: 60 TO 15 200 FOR i=1 TO 10: BEEP .05,18: NEXT i 210 LET gs=INKEYS: PRINT AT 10.0; FLASH 1;"Hit (ENTER) to Start MTERM* 215 IF a\$=CHR\$ 13 THEN GO TO 220 218 GO TO 200 220 POKE 61157,24: POKE 61158,6 230 POKE 61170,184: POKE 61172,184 235 RESTORE 300 240 FOR i=61193 TO 61211: READ m: POKE i,m: NEXT i 250 FOR i=61311 TO 61331: POKE i,32: NEXT i 260 POKE 61699,21 280 DUT 119.34: PRINT USR 54016 300 DATA 254,147,27,95,254,147,27,95,234,246,50,193,154,89. 193, 247, 105, 105, 121, 195 308 DUT 119.0 309 PAUSE 100 310 60 TO 15 318 DUT 119.0 319 PAUSE 100 320 LET t=1: 60 TO 14 328 OUT 119.0 329 PAUSE 100 330 GO TO 500 400 REM AUTOLOAD ROUTINE 401 LET k\$="0": BORDER 0: PAPER 0: INK 7 402 CLS : FLASH 1: PRINT AT 10,5; "MTERM-80 IS LOADING" 403 FLASH 0: BORDER 4: PAPER 4: INK 4

404 LOAD /"patch"CODE 54016

405 GO TO 500

500 REM MAIN MENU

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501 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: INK 7
  502 CLS
  510 PRINT AT 1,10:"MAIN MENU"
  520 PRINT AT 4,6:"1. Autodial Routine"
  530 PRINT AT 6,6;"2. Autoscan Routine"
  540 PRINT AT 8,6:"3. MTERM Activation"
  550 PRINT AT 10.6:"4. Save Macros/Tel Numbers"
  560 PRINT AT 12,6;"5. Load Macros/Tel Numbers"
  565 PRINT AT 14,6;"6. Toggle Caps-Lock"
 570 PRINT AT 15,6; "7. Help File"
 575 PRINT AT 19,3; "SELECT AN OPTION BY NUMBER"
 579 LET z$=INKEY$
 580 IF z$="1" THEN LET z$="z": 60 TO 10
 585 IF z$="2" THEN LET z$="z": 60 TO 1000
 590 IF z$="3" THEN LET z$="z": PRINT USR 54016 .
 595 IF z$="4" THEN LET z$="z": 60 TO 9000
 600 IF z$="5" THEN LET z$="z": 60 TD 3000
 605 IF z$="6" THEN LET z$="z": 60 TO 4000
 607 IF z$="7" THEN LET z$="z": 60 TO 700
 610 60 TO 579
 699 STOP
 700 REM HELP FILE
 710 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: INK 7: CLS
 712 PRINT AT 0.7: "MTERM-80 HELP FILE"; TAB 13; "PAGE 1";
 714 PRINT ': "This terminal program for the TS-2068 computer
 with a TS-2050 modem and JLO FDD includes an 80 column Aerco
 print driver andseveral basic routines:"
 716 PRINT '; TAB 1; "AUTODIAL: A selected number is repeatedly
 dialed until a host computer answsers."
 718 PRINT '; TAB 1; "AUTOSCAN: A sequence of phone numbers are
 dialed in search of other computer systems."
 720 PRINT '; TAB 1; "CAPS LOCK: When toggled, the the online
 text will be locked into upper-case only."
 722 PRINT ': TAB 4; "PRESS ANY KEY FOR PAGE 2"
 724 PAUSE 0
 725 CLS
 726 PRINT AT 0,7; "MTERM-80 HELP FILE"; TAB 13; "PAGE 2 "
 730 PRINT '; TAB 1; "PRINTER NOTES: To toggle the printer
 while receiving data, press Cap Shift and 8, then press
 'P'. WARNING: Ensure that the printeris disabled during
 auto-dialing"
 735 PRINT ': TAB 1: "LOAD: A JLO FDO disk function that allows
 either macros data or autodial directories to be loaded."
 740 PRINT '; TAB 1; "SAVE: A JLO FOD disk function that allows
 options for saving the macros data, autodial
 or Mterm-89."
750 PRINT " ": TAB 0:"
755 PRINT TAB 4; "PRESS SPACE-BAR FOR MENU"
760 IF INKEY$=" " THEN 60 TO 500
770 GD TD 760
1000 REM AUTOSCAN ROUTINE
1001 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: INK 7
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1002 CLS : PRINT AT 0.12: "AUTOSCAN": TAB 0: " ": TAB 0: "THIS SCAN STARTED AT: "; TAB 0;" "; TAB 0; "NUMBER IN PROGRESS IS: ": TAB 0: " ": TAB 0: "CARRIERS DETECTED AT" 1003 PRINT AT 20.2: "PRESS DOWN SPACE-BAR TO STOP" 1004 DIM p(20) 1005 INPUT "Starting number?";s 1006 LET x=1 1007 PRINT AT 2,23;5 1008 60 TO 1012 1010 LET s=s+1 1012 LET a\$=STR\$ s 1013 PRINT AT 4,23;a\$ 1018 IF INKEY\$=" " THEN OUT 119,0: GO TO 1240 1019 OUT 119,31: PAUSE 10 1020 FOR i=1 TO LEN a\$ 1030 LET a=VAL a\$(i) 1032 IF a=0 THEN LET a=10 1035 PAUSE 25 1040 GD SUB 1060 1050 NEXT i 1055 GO TO 1150 1060 FOR d=1 TO a 1070 FOR e=3 TO 4 180 DUT 119.e 1999 PAUSE 1 1100 NEXT e 1110 OUT 119.1 1120 DUT 119.2 1130 NEXT d 1140 RETURN 1160 PAUSE 700 1165 IF IN 119=133 THEN GO TO 1200 1158 FOR q=1 TO 10 1170 DUT 119,0 1172 NEXT a 1175 PAUSE 300 1176 IF INKEY\$=" " THEN GO TO 1240 1180 GO TO 1010 1200 FOR i=1 TO 10: BEEP .05,18: NEXT i 1201 FOR g=1 TO 10 1202 OUT 119,0 1203 NEXT q 1205 LET p(x)=VAL a\$. 1210 PRINT AT x+6,1;p(x) 1215 LET x=x+1 1218 IF x>=20 THEN STOP 1220 PAUSE 1500 1230 GO TO 1010 1240 OUT 119.0

245 PRINT AT 20,01"

1250 PRINT AT 20,6; "PRESS ENTER FOR MENU"

1260 IF INKEYS=CHR\$ 13 THEN 60 TO 500 1270 GO TO 1260 3000 REM LOAD ROUTINE 3010 CLS : PRINT AT 0,10; "LOAD MENU" 3030 PRINT AT 10.6:"1. Macros" 3040 PRINT AT 12,6; "2. Telephone Numbers" 3045 PRINT AT 14.6:"3. Return to Main Menu" 3050 LET Z\$=INKEY\$ 3060 IF zs="1" THEN LET zs="z": 60 TO 3100 3070 IF z\$="2" THEN LET z\$="z": GO TO 3200 3075 IF z\$="3" THEN LET z\$="z": 60 TO 500 3080 GD TD 3050 3100 REM LOAD MACROS 3110 CLS : CAT 3120 INPUT "SELECT MACROS FILE":a\$ 3130 LOAD /a\$CODE 61737: PRINT USR 54016 3200 REM LOAD TELEPHONE NUMBERS 3210 CLS : CAT 3220 INPUT "SELECT TELEPHONE FILE";a\$ 3230 LOAD /a\$CDDE 62377: PRINT USR 54016 4000 REM Caps-Lock Toggle 4005 LET a=61441 4010 IF PEEK 61441=122 THEN RESTORE 4900 4011 IF PEEK 61441=90 THEN RESTORE 4800 4015 IF a>=61441 AND a<=61454 THEN READ b: POKE a,b: LET a=a+1 : GD TD 4015 4020 LET a=61465 4025 IF a)=61465 AND a<=61469 THEN READ b: POKE a,b: LET a=a+1 4030 LET a=61471 4035 IF a>=61471 AND a<=61474 THEN READ b: POKE a.b: LET a=a+1 : GO TO 4035 4040 LET a=61477 4045 IF a>=61477 AND a<=61479 THEN READ b: POKE a.b: LET a=a+1 : GD TD 4945 4050 LET a=61513: READ b: POKE a,b 4055 LET a=61519: READ b: POKE a,b 4060 LET a=61577; READ b: POKE a.b 4065 PRINT USR 54016 4800 DATA 122,120,99,118,97,115,100,102,103,113,119,101,114, 4801 DATA 112,111,105,117,121 4802 DATA 108,107,106,104 4803 DATA 109,110,98 4804 DATA 71 4805 DATA 123 _ 4806 DATA 0 4900 DATA 90,88,67,86,65,83,68,70,71,81,87,69,82,84 4901 DATA 80,79,73,85,89 4902 DATA 76,75,74,72 4903 DATA 77.78.66 4904 DATA 7 4905 DATA 27 (continued on page 4)

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4906 DATA 7

9000 REM SAVE ROUTINE

9010 CLS : PRINT AT 0.10: "SAVE MENU"

9020 PRINT AT 8,6:"1. Mterm-80 Program"

9030 PRINT AT 10,6;"2. Macros"

9040 PRINT AT 12,6:"3. Telephone Numbers"

9045 PRINT AT 14,6; "4. Return to Main Henu"

9050 PRINT AT 19,3: "SELECT AN OPTION BY NUMBER"

9055 LET z\$=1NKEY\$

9060 IF z\$="1" THEN LET z\$="z": GO TO 9100

9065 IF z\$="2" THEN LET z\$="z": GO TO 9150

9070 IF z\$="3" THEN LET z\$="z"; GO TO 9250

9075 IF z\$="4" THEN LET z\$="z": GO TO 500

9080 60 TO 9055

9100 REM SAVE Mterm

9105 CLS : PRINT AT 10,3; "SAVING HTERM-80 TO JLD FDD"

9110 SAVE /"MTERM-80" LINE 400: SAVE /"patch"CODE 54016,9216

9115 PAUSE 160

9120 60 TO 500

9150 REM SAVE MACROS

9152 CLS : CAT

9155 INPUT "SELECT MACROS FILE NAME": as

9160 SAVE /a\$+* .M"CODE 61737,640

9170 GD TD 500

9250 REM SAVE TELEPHONE LIST

9252 CLS : CAT

9255 INPUT "SELECT TELEPHONE FILE NAME"; a\$

9260 SAVE /a\$+".T"CODE 62377,798

9270 60 TO 500

THE SOFTWARE EXCHANGE

This is a new monthly feature where you the Timexer may throw programming ideas about on an open forum. You don't have to be a programming whiz, just a Timexer with an idea. Once it's posted, the other readers with a little more know-how and experience can respond. I've found that Timexers have a pretty tight community, and when one expersses a need for help, many others rise to his assistance.

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I've been playing with an idea of a utility for the JLO Disk System that would allow me to format, read and write double density disks on my quad density drive. From what I understand, the head would have to step twice and read everyother track when operating in double density mode. If anybody has any ideas, contact me at: Gary Lessenberry, 1885A Yorktown, Great Lakes, IL 60088.

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My name is Andy Hradesky and I am incharge of our Library Exchange program with the 3 San Francisco Bay area users clubs, SUSTUG, PUG, EBZUG. We have alot of TS1000/1500 software programs on exchange. If interested we also have TS2068 stuff too. Since your interested in exchange here is our address:

C/O Andy Hradesky

Library Exchange

1256 Henderson Ave. #4

Sunnyvale, CA. 94086

We also have a 24 hour dedicated line for our BBS. Your settings should be 8,1,N. The bbs's name is TIMEXnet. Hopefully we'll have a good exchange...

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I have the following QL programs on cartridge for resale: Concept 3-D \$22, QL Flight \$19, Hyperdrive \$15, BJ (Return) \$12, Blast Buggy \$10, Expresso Coffee \$10. Deduct \$2.00 fpr each program purchased at the CATU6 meeting. The price for all six programs is \$75.00!

Al Feno

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2040/ALPHACOM 32 PRINTER PAPER By Al Feng

The TS-2040 (also, ALPHACOM 32) printer is versatile, and probably universally owned by Sinclair and Timex-Sinclair users. A major drawback of the printer is the availability of thermal paper. While the Sinclair dealers still seem to storit, it is often burdensome to order and wait. In addition the inconvenience, the cost (generally between \$6.95 to \$12.95 (continued on page 5)

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plus shipping for three rolls, depending on the vendor, the last time I checked) is high.

For those of you amongst us who still use your TS-2040 extensively, I would like to recommend that you check with your local RADIO SHACK for replacement paper. Unlike the paper that you may have been using for you 2040 printer, the Radio Shack paper (part number 26-1332) which was intended for their TP-10 printer is only 4 1/8 inches wide. This is a very minor variance when compared to the 4 1/4 inch paper that you may have been using. If you don't like the idea of your paper shifting from side to side (usually it will track to one side and stay there), you can slide a few coins (e.g., three nickels) into the "empty" space.

And now, the good news. The cost of the two rolls is only \$3.95! The printing is black and very crisp (instead of dark blue), making it possible to print-out readible drafts of 64 column mode text. Finally, as Radio Shack generally supports theirs products for an extensive period of time, the paper should remain available for quite some time to come.

QL TIP By Harvey Taylor

To use a 1200 BAUD modem without a Modapter, construct a modem cable as listed below. The parts needed will include a DB9 connector and a DB25 connector and your wire.

| GF (26 | rial port 2) D | 89 | MODEM | DB25 | |
|--------|----------------|----|-------|--------|-----|
| PIN | NAME | | PIN | NAME | |
| 1 | GND | > | 7 | Signal | GND |
| 2 | TXD | > | 2 | TD | |
| 3 | RXD | > | 3 | RD | |
| 4 | No Connection | | | | |
| 5 | No Connection | | | | |
| 9 | +12 vdc | > | 20 | DTR | |
| 9 | =12 vdc | > | 4 | ??? | |

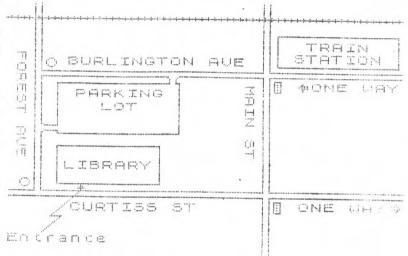
These connections were used with an Avatex 1200 BAUD modem. Pins 6,7 & 8 on the U.S. QL are all tied to ground.

This article came from the CATS Newsletter

OCTOBER C.A.T.U.G. MEETING

The October meeting of the Chicago Arera Timex Users Group will be at the Downers Grove Public Library's Conference Room, from 12:00 to 5:00 on the 24th of October. The library is located at 1050 Curtiss Street in Downers Grove. The CATUG presentative for this meeting is Jeff Lessenberry and he can contacted at (312) 852-1675.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTH: Take I-294 (Tri-State Tollway) south to I-5 (East West Tollway), drive west on I-5 and exit at Highland Avenue. Take Highland south about three miles, during which it's name will change to Main Street. You will cross the Burlington-Northern tracks in downtown Downers Grove and turn right (west) at the next street (Burlington). Proceed one block to Forest Ave. At the intersection of Forest and Burlington is a public parking lot. The Library is located one block south of Burlington at the intersection of Curtiss and Forest. Please note that Burlington is a one-way street (westbound) and Curtiss is a one-way street (eastbound).



DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH: Take I-55 (Stevenson Expway) to the Lemont Rd North exit. Take Lemont Road north about four mile during which it will merge into Main Street. As you go into downtown Downers Grove, you will pass Curtiss Street, and turn left at the next intersection (Burlington), which is the last street before you cross the railroad tracks. Proceed one block west to Forest Ave. At the intersection of Forest and Burlington is a public parking lot. The Library is located one block south of Burlington at the intersection of Curtiss and Forest. Please note that Burlington is a one-way street (westbound) and Curtiss is a one-way street (eastbound).

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From The Sunstate T/S BBS

Advance registration for the Sunstate T/S Winterfest is now available! The cost is \$5.00 for individuals or \$9.00 for families. Mail your name(s), address, telephone number, and regestration fee to:

SUNSTATE T/S WINTERFEST

249 North Harden Ave., Orange City, F1 32763 Make checks payable to: Northeast Florida T/S Users Group (NEF T/S Users Group).

TIMEX TIDBITS

The latest Sharp's catalog has announced a price breakthrough of \$99.00 for complete QL. I really don't think that you will ever find a better retail price than this. If you're curious about the QL or just want a back-up for your current QL system, now is the time to buy. Call Sharp's at (804) 746-1664 or (804) 730-9697 for more information.

I have just recently received my first issue of CTM. CTM is generously making good on all the unfulfilled subscriptions of T/S Horizons. This is the first time that I can remember that a worthwhile magazine chose to honor the subscriptions of a defunct T/S publication. I salute CTM!

The CATS Newsletter reports that Fred Nachbaur has a TS-1000 ROM installed and operating in his PC8300! This modification allows the PC8300 to be 100% compatible with TS-1000 software.

SINC-LINK reports that Peripheals Direct in Northbrook (tel: 312/498-9244) are selling the Amdisk III Disk System for \$45.00 each or \$100.00 for four! The system includes two single sided, 3 inch drives with a power supply and case.

If you're looking for a Spectrum ROM to upgrade your TS-2068 for that good British software, write Russell Electronics, RD I Box 539, Centre Hall, PA 16828. They have the ROMs for 16.95 each.

For The Oliger FOO Disk interface users there are a few items of interest. SPDOS is available for the Oliger disk system: SPDOS supports sequential files, ERASE and MOVE commands, and uses 3.5K or 8K of RAM. It allows use of any software written for the Millenia K interface. It costs \$26.45 which includes shipping. Write to Cuyahoga Valley Software Works, 615 School Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221 for more information. If you buy SPDOS, there are SPDOS utilities available for \$12.00 on disk or cassette from Munson Cockayne, 342 Trotter Ct., Sanford FL 32771. Lastly, don't forget that the prenier issue of The TS-2068 Safe Disk Up-Date will hit the mail in October. It is a quarterly newsletter devoted to TS-2068 Disk Systems. The cost is \$12.00 per year. Write to TS-2068 Safe Disk Up-Date, 1317 Stratford Ave., Panama City, FL 32404.

Rick Conners left Chicago this month to take up residence in Japan. Of course he packed up his QLs and will continue Timexing while living in Tokyo. Instead of loosing a Timexer, I think the CATUG has found a Far East Chapter! Any mail for Rick should be addressed as follows:

Rick Conners

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